



# Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center Parent Orientation 2015-2016

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# Attendance

## ▶ ABSENCES:

- If your child must be absent from school, please send a written note from you and/or doctor upon your child's return to school in order for the absence to be excused. For your convenience, we have a form in the main office.

## ▶ EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Sickness,

- Death in the family (three days only),
- Doctor or dental appointments and
- Religious holidays.
- Absences for any other reasons are not excused.

# Attendance (Cont.)

- ▶ **TARDIES:** a student is considered tardy after the 8:35 a.m. morning bell rings for students in grades 2-8 and after 8:20 a.m. for students in grades PK-1 and 8:15 a.m. for HeadStart.
- ▶ Please synchronize your clocks/watches to match the school time.
- ▶ Remember that excessive absences/tardies may be cause for disciplinary action including: detention, suspension, loss of incentives, referral to the Attendance Review Committee and other agencies.

# Attendance (Cont.)

- ▶ PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Students who are present every day, AND do not have more than 4 tardies at the end of the school year will be eligible to receive "Perfect Attendance" incentives.

# Arrival – School Hours

- ▶ There will be absolutely **NO STUDENT DROP-OFF BEFORE 7:30 a.m.**
  
- ▶ **Supervised Before School Care is NOT available.**
  - PK-Headstart Classrooms/Portable
  - KG - 2 Cafeteria
  - 3 - 5 Hardcourt
  - 6 - 8 Children of the World Park

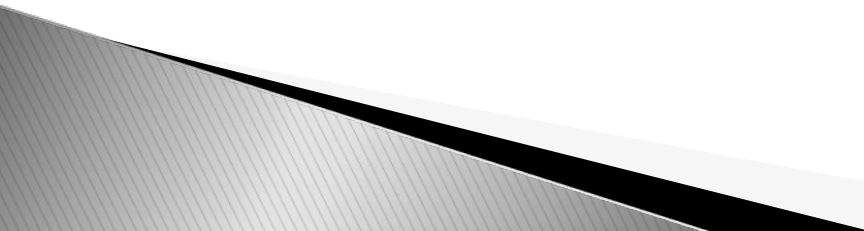
# Arrival – (Cont.)

- ▶ Teachers will pick up their classes from the cafeteria at 8:15 a.m. (KG-2), and from the court at 8:30 a.m. (3-5 grade). Middle School students will go upstairs at 8:30 a.m.
- ▶ **Students reporting after their designated time, must go to the main office to obtain a late pass. PARENTS MUST ACCOMPANY STUDENTS IN GRADES PK-1.**

# Drop-Off/Pick-up - Entrances/ Exits

- ▶ • Please do not enter inside any of the school's parking lots to drop off/pick up your children.  
Parent/Visitors parking lot is located behind the gym.
- • Safe Drop Zones: Drexel Avenue Circle
- • Pennsylvania Avenue
- • Washington Avenue, if you are walking or riding a bicycle.
- For the safety of our students please exit the school once you have dropped off/picked up your children.

# Bicycles

- ▶ Students who ride bicycles and/or scooters to school must park and secure them in the bicycle racks provided near the cafeteria or near Pennsylvania Avenue.
  - ▶ Under no circumstances should bicycles and/or scooters be secured/chained to the perimeter fences, street signs, parking lot signage, nor taken into the classrooms due to safety to life issues.
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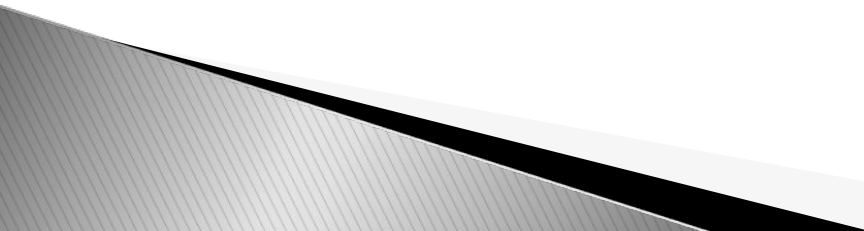
# Breakfast

- ▶ Please join your child in our Panda Cafeteria **every morning.**
- ▶ Free breakfast is served for students from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. only.
- ▶ Please be aware that breakfast will not be served after 8:15 a.m. unless the students ride on the M-DCPS buses and those buses arrive late.

# Bullying

- ▶ People can bully by hitting. They bully by talking. People who are bullied can be sad, lonely and sometimes mad.
  - ▶ We don't allow bullying at our school. We don't allow it on the school bus. And if someone is bullying your child outside school we want to hear about that, too.
  - ▶ If your child sees someone else being bullied - encourage them to speak up and not just stand by and do nothing.
- ▶ **Report it!**

# Bullying (How Can You Report It?)

- ▶ Parents/Students can leave a note in the Bully Box.
  - ▶ You can go online to the parent/student portal.
  - ▶ Or you can call the bullying hotline at
  - ▶ 305-995-CARE.
  - ▶ We all have to do our very best to keep our school safe.
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# Code of Student Conduct

## CODE OF STUDENT

CONDUCT: is designed to maintain a safe and positive learning environment.

You can access in the following link - Student Portal\_

<http://ehandbooks.dadeschools.net/policies/90/index.htm>

Appendix N

### Acknowledgment of Receipt and Review

Each parent/guardian of a student and each student enrolled in Miami-Dade County Public Schools must sign and return this page to the student's school to acknowledge that he/she has accessed the online version or obtained a copy of the Code of Student Conduct. In addition, this page serves as acknowledgement that you have reviewed the Code of Student Conduct with your child. Each school will maintain records of such signed statements.

The online version of the Code of Student Conduct in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole can be located in the Parent Portal or by accessing through the following website address:

<http://ehandbooks.dadeschools.net/policies/90/index.htm>

If you do not have internet access to obtain a copy of the Code of Student Conduct, please visit your child's school to obtain a copy.

I acknowledge receipt of the notification regarding accessing or obtaining a copy of the Code of Student Conduct through the Parent Portal or via the internet web address and that I have read and discussed the Code of Student Conduct with my child.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge receipt of the notification regarding accessing or obtaining a copy of the Code of Student Conduct through the Parent Portal or via the internet web address and that I have read and discussed the Code of Student Conduct with my parent/guardian.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_


Date \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO STUDENT'S SCHOOL WITHIN FIVE (5)  
SCHOOL DAYS UPON RECEIVING NOTIFICATION TO  
REVIEW THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

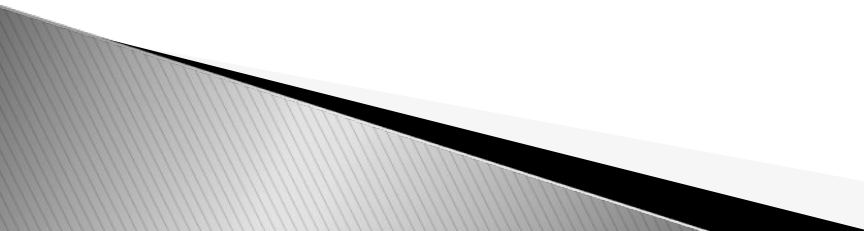
# Dismissal

- ▶ Parents are required to pick up students at the time of dismissal.
- ▶ Students in grades PK-K will be dismissed from their classroom. All students in grades 1-8 will go to the Children of the World Park to wait for parents following dismissal and/or to the designated dismissal area (after school care, etc.)
- ▶ Fifteen minutes after dismissal, any student who has not been picked up, will be taken to the Fienberg Office to call home.
- ▶ Parents will be required to sign-out late pick-up and will be reminded of school hours.

# Dismissal (Cont.)

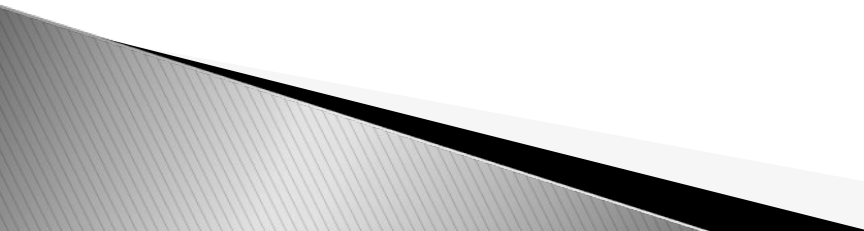
- ▶ Continuous violations/offenses may be caused for disciplinary action and/or referral to the after-school care program and/or other agencies.
  - ▶ Students in tutoring/after school programs, clubs or detention will meet outside the assigned classes.
  - ▶ All other students are to leave school grounds immediately after dismissal.
  - ▶ Students will walk with teachers to designated exits.
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# Dress Code

- ▶ We are a Mandatory Uniform School.
  - ▶ Uniform Colors - Elementary (PK-5)
  - ▶ Red or Navy Blue Polo Shirt with school emblem
  - ▶ Khaki bottoms
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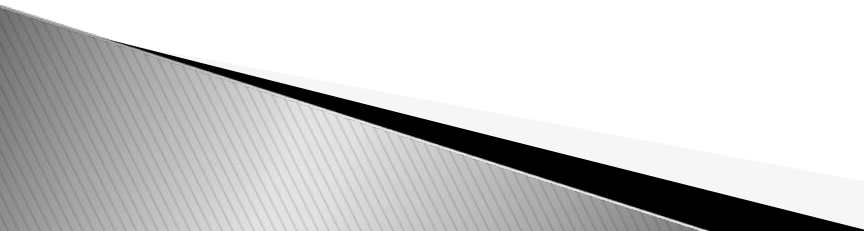
- ▶ Middle School Colors (6-8)
  - ▶ White or Black Polo Shirt with school emblem
  - ▶ Khaki bottoms
  - ▶ **DENIM JEANS ARE NOT PART OF OUR UNIFORM POLICY.**
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# Electronic Devices

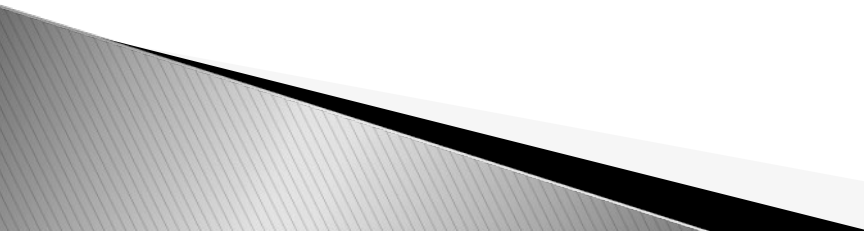
- ▶ **ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** such as MP3 Players, ipods, iphone, ipads, NintendoDS, CD Players, tape recorders, and/or any toys to include trading cards, and any other personal belongings are not allowed at school and should be left at home.
- ▶ We are not responsible nor do we investigate if any of these items get lost or stolen.
- ▶ If any student is found with any of these items, the item will be confiscated by the teacher or other personnel and submitted to an administrator for parent pick-up.

# Electronic Devices

- ▶ CELLULAR PHONES:

- ▶ Must be turned off during school hours.
  - ▶ If phones are activated or cause any disruption, they will be confiscated by the teacher or other personnel and submitted to an administrator for parent pick-up.
  - ▶ WE DO NOT INVESTIGATE AND WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN CELLULAR PHONES.
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# Fire Drills -

- ▶ Fire Drills will be conducted once a month.
  - ▶ Students and any visitor in our building will walk in a quiet and orderly manner to the designated/nearest exit.
  - ▶ Please remain outside in quiet lines until the principal and/or the assistant principal give visual indication that you should return to their classrooms.
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# Forms – First Week of School

- ▶ During the first week of school, your child will be taking many forms home. Please sign and return all of these to your child's teacher.
- ▶ **Emergency Contact Card** - Complete/Sign/Return
- ▶ **Code of Student Conduct** - Complete/Sign/Return
- ▶ **Media Release** - Complete/Sign/Return
- ▶ **Procedures** - Complete/Sign/Return
- ▶ **Agenda** - Complete/Sign/Return
- ▶ **Responsible Use of Technology** - Complete/Sign/Return

# Forms – First Week of School

- ▶ **Title I Migrant Education Program Survey** - Complete/Sign/Return
- ▶ **Accident Insurance** - Online
- ▶ **Lunch Application** - Online

# Grading Policy - Academic

Grades reflect a student's academic performance as compared with norms that are appropriate for the grade or subject.

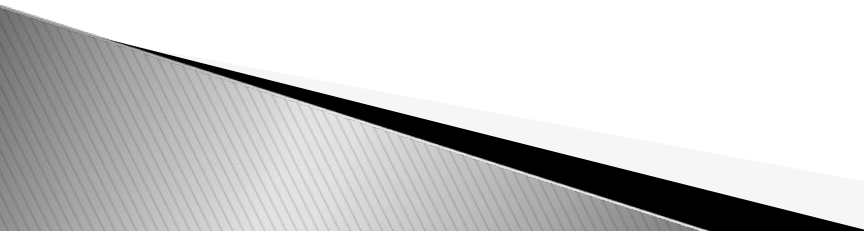
|     |               |                    |
|-----|---------------|--------------------|
| ◦ A | 90 - 100      | Outstanding        |
| ◦ B | 80 - 89       | Good               |
| ◦ C | 70 - 79       | Satisfactory       |
| ◦ D | 60 - 69       | Improvement Needed |
| ◦ F | 59 - or below | Unsatisfactory     |

# Grading Policy - Effort

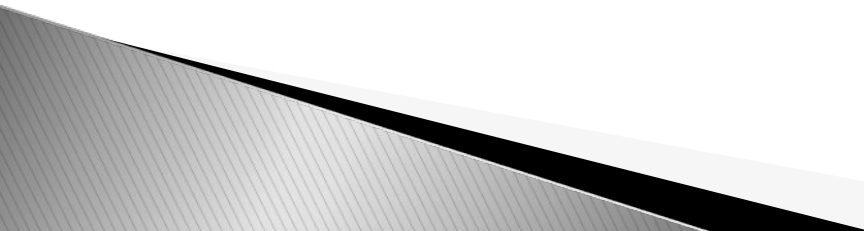
- ▶ Grades indicate the teacher's evaluation of a student's effort in the instructional program;
- ▶ These grades are independent of academic and conduct grades.
  - An effort grade of "1" indicates outstanding effort on the part of the student.
  - An effort grade of "2" indicates satisfactory effort on the part of the student.
  - An effort grade of "3" reflects insufficient effort on the part of the student.




# Grading Policy - Conduct

- ▶ Grades are used to communicate clearly to both students and parents the teacher's evaluation of a student's behavior.
  - ▶ These grades are independent of academic and effort grades.
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# Homework/Home Learning

- ▶ Regular, purposeful home learning assignments are an essential component of the instructional program at our school.
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  - ▶ Home learning will be regularly assigned and reviewed by teachers Monday through Friday.
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  - ▶ All students must read 30 minutes a day, at home, at their independent level.
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# International Baccalaureate Program (IB)

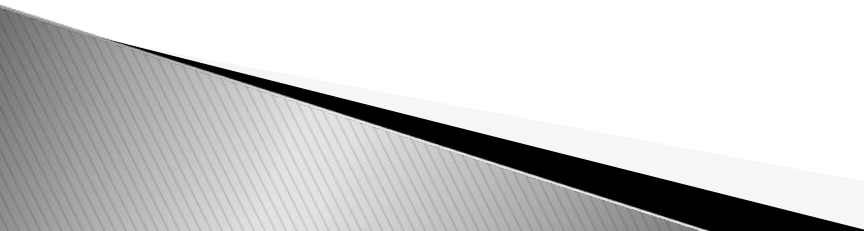
- ▶ We are an IBO World School in both the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and in our Middle Years Programme (MYP)
  - ▶ The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.
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# Primary Years Programme (PYP)

- ▶ Within the PYP it is believed student learning is best done when it is authentic - relevant to the “real” world.
- ▶ This year we will be reevaluated.
  - Please attend parent meetings - Parent Calendar
  - Ask your child about IB

If you have any questions or would like to help please  
contact our IB PYP Coordinator at  
[ycardoso@dadeshcools.net](mailto:ycardoso@dadeshcools.net) or 305 531 0419 ext. 2121

# Florida State Standards

- ▶ The Florida State Standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. With American students fully prepared for the future, our communities will be best positioned to compete successfully in the global economy.
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# Lost Books or Materials

- ▶ Students who lose or damage a textbook or library book must pay for the loss.
- ▶ Any damage done to school equipment or property by a student will also be paid for by the student.

# Lunch Program

- ▶ Full priced lunch is \$2.25 for students in PK-5 grade and
- ▶ \$2.50 for students in grades 6-8.
- ▶ Milk will be available a la carte for those who bring a packed lunch.
- ▶ Please complete applications online for the free or reduced lunch program at:  
<http://nutrition.dadeschools.net/>

# Lunch Program

- ▶ Please make sure you complete online.
- ▶ If you qualify, you will receive free/reduce lunch
- ▶ In an emergency: A peanut butter sandwich and milk will be provided for students without lunch money or an approved lunch application.




# Student Accidents

- ▶ If your child has an accident, please encourage him/her to tell their teacher immediately.
- ▶ The teacher will send the child to the clinic if needed or will get help. (Make sure your child is registered in the clinic to receive free services).
- ▶ The teachers will complete an accident report for your child's safety and will notify you.
- ▶ Student insurance at a low cost is available, we encourage you to purchase it for your child. The forms will go home the first week of school.

# Parent Teacher/Student Association (PTSA)

- ▶ Parents, students and relatives are encouraged to sign up and become active participants in the Parent Teacher/Student Association (PTSA).
- ▶ The cost is \$5.00 per year.
- ▶ The PTA helps the students with field trips, uniform vouchers, parties, graduation and events.
- ▶ **We need to support our PTA!**

# Parent Volunteers/ Room Parents

- ▶ ALL volunteers/chaperones MUST be cleared through M-DCPS.
  - ▶ You CANNOT volunteer in your child's class, BUT you are welcome to volunteer in another classroom.
  - ▶ Parents are welcome to join us for breakfast.
  - ▶ Lunch is for students only.
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# Who can help you?

- ▶ All of the faculty and staff at FFK8 are here to help.
  - Ms. Costa - Principal - Fisher Office
  - Ms. Marrero - Assistant Principal - Fienberg Office (PK-5)
  - Mrs. Murphy - Assistant Principal - Fisher Office (6-8)
  - Ms. Torres - Counselor - Fisher Office
  - Ms. Stebenne - Trust Specialist- 216A
  - Ms. Cardoso - PYP Coordinator - Room 24A- Fisher Building
  - Ms. JeanBaptiste - MYP Coordinator - Reading Rm.- Fienberg
  - Ms. Klahr - Reading Coach - Reading Room - Fienberg
  - Dr. Pearson - Library Services - Media Center
  - Ms. Betance - Registrar/Attendance - Fienberg Office
  - Ms. Hernandez- Principal's Secretary - Fisher Office
  - Ms. Mansell, Mr. Ribalta, Mr. Martinez - Security
  - Ms. Bender - Cafeteria Manager
  - Ms. Ramirez - Head Custodian
  - Ms. Eimy Janer- Community Involvement Specialist (CIS)
  - Ms. Erica Martinez- Parent Outreach Headstart
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# Questions/Answer

- ▶ Thank you! We hope you that together we have a wonderful and productive 2015-2016 school year!

